

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ASSEH, Adel et a l.  
Appl. No.: NEW Group:  
Filed: December 28, 2000 Examiner:  
For: CHANNEL BALANCING OF A WAVELENGTH  
DIVISION MULTIPLEXED OPTICAL SIGNAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

December 28, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully  
submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

**Claim 11:** line 1, delete "or 10"

**Claim 16:** lines 1 and 2, change "any one of the claims 12 to  
15" to --Claim 12--

**Claim 58:** line 1, delete "or 57"

**Claim 59:** line 1, delete "or 57"

REMARKS

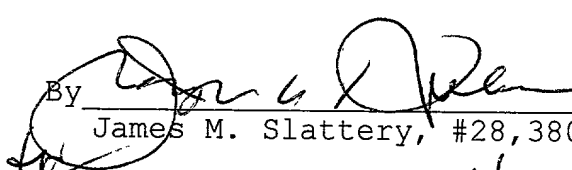
The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependents and place the application into better form prior to examination. Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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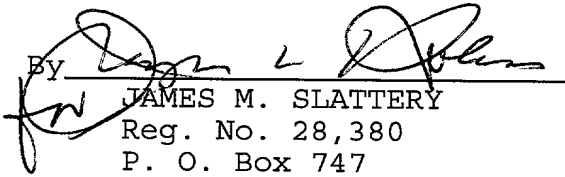
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The above information is submitted to advise the USPTO of all relevant facts in connection with the present application. A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow.

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